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The PRODIGAL RECLAIMED.

[An Extract.]

AFTER a residence of many years in the southern part of this island, business concurring with the natural desire one has of revisiting one's native country, induced me to make a journey to Scotland in the beginning of last autumn. As I travelled on horseback, with a single servant attending me, I was tempted frequently to strike out of the common road, for the purpose of enjoying some of these romantic scenes with which the northern countries of England abound. One evening about sunset, after traversing a part of the country, of great beauty, but of a wild and uncultivated aspect, I entered suddenly a narrow valley, where every thing wore the appearance of high cultivation; and in the judicious blending of ornament with utility, it was easy to perceive that had been guided by the hand of taste.

While I rode at leisure down a steep and winding path, indulging that pleasing species of reverie to which a scene of this kind naturally gives rise, a small column of smoke ascending from a tuft of trees at the bottom, gave notice of a habitation; and on turning the corner of a hedge-enclosure, a low mansion broke suddenly upon my view, having in front about an acre of open ground, of which the greatest part was laid out as a kitchen garden and shrubbery. A level grass plot surrounded the house, which was separated from the garden by a white rail. The house itself was of one story, extending, in a lengthened front, with two small wings, either end of which a fruit tree was trained around the window. A green garden chair was planted on each side of the door.

While surveying with much pleasure this little elegant retreat, passed, upon the road, a ruddy coloured, middle-aged man, in a plain country dress, whose face, it immediately occurred to me, I had somewhere before seen. Uncertain, however, whether there might be any thing more than one of those accidental resemblances which we every day meet with (though I perceived that he at the same time viewed me with some attention) I passed on. Meeting afterwards with some labourers returning from work, I inquired the name of the proprietor of the little villa I had been contemplating, and was informed it was a Mr. Saintford. The name struck me. I recollect to have known at college a Will, Saintford, a young man of some fortune, of a lively turn, and quick parts, but in the greatest degree thoughtless and extravagant. I remembered to have since heard that he had married a fashionable wife, whose disposition was much a kin to his own; and that he had in a very few years spent his whole fortune. "Can this," said I to myself, "be my old companion? Sure I thought I knew his face, and he too recollects mine. It must be so: Yet how this metamorphosis?" Occupied with these thoughts, I had slackened my pace, and was surprised to find myself once more joined by the gentleman I had passed. "If I mistake not," said he, "your name is D—." "Yes, and yours Saint-

fort."—"The same. How unexpected this meeting!" After much mutual gratulation, "Come," said he, "you go no farther this night; nor, with my will, for some days. You must take a bed with your old friend, and see how Farmer Saintford lives."

Entreaty was needless; for I was delighted with the encounter; and I followed my friend, who led the way, to the stables, and assisted him in putting up my horses. He then conducted me into the house, which within corresponded entirely with its external appearance. In a little hall through which we entered, were some angling rods and fowling pieces, with a weed hook and garden rakes. In the parlour stood a piano forte, on which lay a violin and some music; and in a corner of the room, which was shelves for the purpose, were ranged a few books of husbandry and ornamental gardening, some volumes of English poetry, Hatcher's Moral Philosophy, Horace, and a few of the Latin classics.

An old servant now made his appearance, and received orders to acquaint his mistress to prepare the stranger's bed room, and to get ready an early supper. In the interval we sauntered out into the fields and passed the time in ordinary chitchat about our old companions, until we were summoned to supper by a comely boy of twelve years of age, who, with a girl three years younger, were my friend's only children. Mr. Saintford introduced me to his wife by title of an old and valued acquaintance; and I found in that lady the most perfect politeness and affability, joined to that easily gracefulness of manner which distinguishes those who have moved in a superior walk of life. Our supper was plain, but delicious; an excellent pottage, milk in a variety of forms, and fresh vegetables; our conversation interesting, animated, and good humoured. In my life, I never spent a more delightful evening. After Mrs. Saintfort had retired (like Eve, "on hospitable thoughts intent,") "Then," said Saintford, "there, Mrs. D—, is one of the first, the best of women. You knew me formerly; and I have marked the natural surprise you shewed at finding me in this situation. You shall have my story; for to an old friend and companion, simple as it is, it cannot fail to be interesting."

"My father's death, which happened a few years after I entered to the university, made me, as you may remember, the envy of many of our common acquaintance, as it was generally supposed I had succeeded to a fortune of 2000 per annum. I had before this contracted many habits of extravagance; and the dissipation into which I now plunged, joined to an indolence of temper not uncommon at that period of life, prevented me for a considerable time from discovering that the free rents of my estate did not exceed one half of the income I was supposed to possess. Even after that discovery, the relish I had acquired for every species of fashionable dissipation, and the absurd vanity of supporting the appearance of a man of fortune, led me to continue, my expences, after I had become convinced that they were leading me to my ruin.

"My vanity was not a little flattered by the

attentions shewn me by the ladies, who, it was easy to be perceived, regarded me as a young fellow, of whom there was some honour in making a conquest. Lucinda N— was at that time the ornament of polite circles in town. What her figure was in those days, you may guess from what you see it is at present. With every attraction of face and person, endowed with every fashionable accomplishment, and possessing a very handsome independent fortune, she has numberless admirers. It was no mean triumph, when I perceived that this little despot, who exercised upon others all the capricious sovereignty of a coquette, maintained with me so opposite a manner as to convince me of her decided affection. I availed myself of the discovery, which gratified equally my pride and my passion; for I really loved her; and in my marriage with Lucinda, whose temper and taste were apparently much resembling my own, I flattered myself with the continued enjoyment of those fashionable pleasures, which I had now extended the means of procuring.

"When I look back to the first four years of my married state, it is like the confused remembrance of some tumultuous dream. In that perpetual dissipation in which we were now involved, and to which the gay and lively temper of my wife rather prompted than impelled any restraint, I did not perceive that her fortune, considerable as it was, was totally insufficient to repair the waste I had already made in my own. At length I was awakened from my lethargy by a refusal of my banker to make further advances without additional securities; and when I applied for that purpose to a friend, he frankly told me that I was generally considered as a ruined man.

"In place of being overpowered by this intelligence, it brought me to my sens; —like those violent applications, which by pain itself, put a stop to the delirium of a fever. I saw the folly of concealment, and the inhumanity of allowing my wife to learn our situation from any tongue but my own. But to make this terrible avowal, occasioned a conflict of mind, such as is impossible for me to describe. I passed two sleepless nights, without finding courage to unbosom myself; and Lucinda's anxious inquiries at length led to a discovery. The shock was severe; and for a moment she gave way to the natural feelings of a woman. It was but for a moment;—when, as if animated by a new soul, and inspired with a fortitude of mind which astonished me, "Come my dear Will," said she clasping me to her bosom, "we have both been fools; it is fit that we should pay the price of our folly: But let us hence learn to be wise. Thank God, we are blest with health, and with each other's affections, but there is yet much of life before us."—"But what," said I, "is to be done?"—"To be done," said she;—"Justice in the first place. Let us learn with accuracy the full extent of our debts, and the means we have to discharge them."

"It was a struggle yet more severe, to declare my situation to the world; and suffering under the feeling of a false shame, I would have meanly wasted the time in useless procrastination: But the noble spirit of my Lucinda combated this unman-

ly weakness. It was no surprise to the world to learn with certainty what long had been expected. In a little time the amount of our debts and effects was ascertained with precision; and, setting apart a small proportion of my wife's fortune, which was secured to her by law, the rest, together with mine, fell short of the payment of our debts by zecol. sterling. Having, however, made a fair surrender of all that was my own, I compounded with my creditors, and received their discharge.

[To be continued.]

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FOR JUNE 22.

Swear not at all, MATT. v. 34.

SWEAR not by the creatures, for that in effect is swearing by thy maker. Nor by him, but when called to it by authority for confirmation, and putting an end to strife; and even that is to be done with seriousness, sincerity, and circumspection; in truth, and therefore not falsely, or deceitfully, which is calling the God of truth to witness a lie; St. Paul regarded it as "the truth of God," ROM. ix. 1, and so will all good men, PSALM xxiv. 4.—In judgment, not rashly, vainly, unadvisedly, or needlessly, as Saul, 1 SAM. xiv. 39. Such oaths, promises, and vows, are better broke than kept, because they are enjoining and dangerous; but best not made at all; consideration is always necessary;—in righteousness; the matter lawful and possible, otherwise it will be expedient, sinful, and ruinous. If for every idle word we must give an account in the day of judgment, then surely for every idle, trifling, common oath, such as, "Faith an troth, God bleis me, By my soul, As I live and breathe, O CHRIST," &c. Much more for horrible cursing and blasphemy, which profanes God's name, is the language of the bottomle's pit, springs from, and tends to it. In a word, perjury, which is a complicated sin; robs the innocent of his right, perverts justice, therefore threatened, ZACH. iv. v. God often takes the false tearer and imprecator of his vengeance at his word, in striking him dead on the spot. LORD! help the guilty to repent and seek pardon through the blood of CHRIST, and all to watch and pray for it.

GENERAL REMARKS ON WOMEN.

GENERALLY speaking, how much more pure, tender, delicate, affectionate, flexible and patient, is Woman than Man! The primary matter of which they are constituted appears to be more flexible, irritable, and elastic, than that of man. They are formed to maternal mildness and affection. All their organs are tender, yielding, easily wounded, sensible and receptive.

Woman is not a foundation on which to build. She is the gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; (1 Cor. iii, 12) the materials for building on the male foundation. She is the leaven, or, more expressively, the oil to the vinegar of man. Man singly, is but half a man, at least but half human; a king without a kingdom. Woman, who feels what she is, whether still or in motion, relies upon the man; nor is man what he may and ought to be but in conjunction with woman. Therefore, "it is not good that man should be alone, but that he should leave father and mother, and cleave to his wife, and that they two shall be one flesh."

ALEXANDER AND MARIA.

A True Story.

Founded upon an incident which happened after the shipwreck of the Faithful Steward, bound from Londonderry to Philadelphia.

HIBERNIA's sea-encircled shore
Alexander left, with hopeful view,
Perhaps to gain some little store
His aged moments to renew;
Or led by Freedom's impulse here
To spend the remnant of his days;
Live undisturb'd, unknowing fear,
Then pass to worlds of bliss and ease.

A lovely virgin daughter fair,
Attended by his rev'rend side;

She all his comfort, he her care,

In filial love each heart was ty'd.

The fond embrace, and parting tear
Of forsw'ing friends that saw them go,

Bespoke th' appointed period near,

When ling'ring friendship melts to woe.

The boat lies ready on the ear,
The pond'rous anchor up they weigh;

The waving topmasts call to shore,

And chide each passenger's delay.

Once more adieu!—perhaps again,

Dear friends, we timely yet may meet

On some kind shore, unknown to pain,

Where social joys make kindred sweet.

At length they board the deskin'd prow,
To bear them to Columbia's land;

The fav'ring breezes quickly blow,

The canvas greets the winds command.

Away they plough!—the spreading sail
Embellies, bends the pliant mast;

The vessel wing'd before the gale,

The land they leave is fading fast.

And much they look, and much they sigh,
And take a long and sad adieu;

Their country's charms now fill each eye,

Grows dearer as it sinks to view.

Now through the wide Atlantic wave,
A trackless path, by numbers trod;

They, fearless, ev'ry danger brave,

Resign'd to all protecting GOD.

The prosp'rous gales convey them o'er,
Perhaps in evil-boding guise,

To wide Columbia's fatal shore,

Where hidden trains of danger lies.

Along the beach where breakers rise,
At dead of night the ship was driv'n—

Ab! then what moving piteous cries!

What invocations sent to Heav'n!

The lab'ring prow in fragments toss,

The helpless crew lay floating round—

Some mangled on the rocky coast,

Some, worn with fear and hardship, drown'd.

Alexander long had brav'd the wave,

And dash'd it with his aged hand,

Still fond his doubtful life to save,

And gain the so-much wish'd for strand;

Alas! nor strand, nor daughter dear,

Shall he with joy behold again;

For all absorb'd in surges drear,

He sinks beneath despair and pain.

A better fate, a kinder pow',

His daughter, fair MARIA, sav'd;

A wreck convey'd her to the shore,

Almost of life of hope bereav'd.

Worn out with toil, she laid her down

To seek some soft renewing rest;

Kind sleep his curtains drew around,

And lull'd the troubles of her breast.

Short respite this from sorrow dire,

The morning came, and with it grief;

She flew to find her much lov'd sire,

Her hope, her joy, her whole relief;

With trembling steps, and streaming locks,

And wild disorder'd gaze she ran;

Among the sea-lash'd fritting rocks,

She saw his corpse, both stiff and wan.

O Heav'n! my heart! the frantic cry'd,

Is this the lot that fate decrees!—

Far from his native land he lies—

Nor house, nor home, save clift'ring trees,

The clay-cold form she often press'd,

And shed a plenteous flood of tears;

With ritual hand the corpse she dress'd,

And to the beach with courage bears.

Her sire's remains, in parent clay,

With dutious hands she calmly laid;

Then forsw'ing on her heedless way,

She knew not whence or where she stray'd.

A few lone shillings was her store,

Which she with heavy heart convey'd

From out the purse her father bore,

As on the strand his corpse was laid.

With these she thought to buy relief,

As pity fled from ev'ry breast;

For coin alone they shar'd her grief,

For coin their sorrow too express'd.

How short is ev'ry human view!

How weak the hope on which we rest!

While something fondly we pursue,

Fate points a poignard at her breast.

More ruthles than the waves and wind,

A ruffian met her as the stray'd,

And rob'd what fate had left behind.

And struck with dread the luckless maid;

Inhuman wretch!—for this black deed,

Cold penur, shall curse thy lands,

"Misfortunes too each other breed,"

And fortune blast beneath thy hands.

On Doctor FRANKLIN's shedding a Tear, while signing the Federal Constitution.

THE sage, whom rival nations join to praise,
Whole lengthen'd span one patriot scene

displays,

Revolving in his spacious mind, the fate

Of millions toiling in the servile state—

With ardour grasp'd the pen, to sign the plan,

Which gave his country all the rights of man.

"Enough," he cry'd—"my God, I ask no more!

"Excuse, my friends, a tear: I am four score."

P R O V E R B.

Virtue which parleys is near a surrender!

As in fortified places besieged by an enemy, and well provided to hold out, the valiant soldiers who are resolutely bent to defend it, scorn to treat or capitulate with the enemy, but receive their dishonorable offers with contempt and disdain: So when Virtue (the fortress of the soul, which ought to be defended with the utmost obstinacy) is attacked by bold assailants, they who are resolutely bent to defend it, will hearken to no terms, but repulse dishonorable offers, with indignation. And when once a woman lends a listening ear to offers, though never so high, as to the surrender of her chastity, it is odds if she do not surrender it upon very low ones in the upshot.

The following melancholy accident happened on Tuesday afternoon:—A lad of 13 years, son of Mr. Dawson, in Cortlandt-street, barber, by some fatality, caught his neck in a line, which was hanging in the yard, in such a manner, that he was strangled beyond recovery in a few moments after.

Accounts from Baltimore state, that the New- Providence privateer schooner FLYING FISH, Capt. M'KINNIE, which has long infested the American coasts, and plundered her vessels, has been taken by the French privateer ship Liberty, after an action of three hours.

By a gentleman from St. John's we are informed, that the British have just completed a brig, at that place, mounting twelve guns; the brig is every way completed and well manned and is now stationed at Point-a-Fair, on lake Champlain; that a very large Roe Galley is now building at St. John's; and that the garrison at Montreal was immediately to be strengthened by the addition of a regiment of his majesty's troops from Quebec.

Capt. Barney, we are informed, will sail in a few days from Baltimore for France. Mr. Monroe who supercedes Mr. Morris, as minister from the United States to the French republic, will take passage with him.

Thursday afternoon, the two British frigates which were anchored in the Bay, south of Governor's Island, weighed anchor, and made towards the Hook.

The President of the United States, on Tuesday last, set out from Philadelphia for his seat in Virginia.

A gentleman in this city has this day received a letter from Albany, which states, that a report prevails there of a gentleman's arriving from Vermont, informing that the British, in attempting to erect a fort 20 miles within the territory of the United States, were resisted by force, that 11 British, and 7 Americans were slain. We give this as mere report and there is reason to doubt the truth of it, as other letters from Albany do not mention it. [Minerva of Thursday ev.]

On the 15th of May an embargo was to take place on the American vessels lying at Surinam, and to continue till the 15th of June. In consequence of which, 23 American vessels lying there will be detained.

Tuesday evening arrived the America, Howell, in 4 Months and 20 days from Canton.

The Washington, Randall, was to sail in three weeks after the America.

Extract of a letter from John Bulkley and Son of Lisbon, dated the 14th of April, 1794.

I wrote you by the Swedish Brig Argo, with the agreeable news of renewing hostilities by this Court against the regency of Algiers: a copy of which you have enclosed with a confirmation thereof.

PROCLAMATION.

IT being verified with the greatest certainty in the presence of His Royal Highness the Prince, that the truce between this Court and the Regency of Algiers, is interrupted. He was pleased to ordain, that the war should be continued with the said Regency of Algiers, in like manner as heretofore adopting in consequence every precaution, to prevent the Algerine Cruisers from getting into the Ocean—and the same being approved by the Royal Board of Commerce, Agriculture, Manufactures, &c. of this kingdom and its dominions, it was ordered to be made public by this Proclamation.

Lisbon 10th of April, 1794.

(Signed)

Theo. Gomes de Carvalho.

From Boston, June 12.

IMPORTANT ARTICLES

A gentleman of respectability who arrived in this town, from Kennebunk, on Monday last, informs, that a brig had arrived there before he left it, in 36 days from L'Orient, the Capt. of which informed him, that a French squadron had fell in with a large Cork fleet of victuallers, bound to the West-Indies—that they had taken a large number of them—that 36 had actually arrived in port, before he left L'Orient: in consequence of which provisions of every kind were exceeding plenty and cheap.

Salem, June 10.—Last week, Capts. Trout and Sage, of this port, arrived home from St. Pierre's, Martinique, where their vessels and cargoes had been adjudicated. Capt. Trout put into Trinity, in March last in distress, being the first port he could make after having sprung his masts; and there he fell into the hands of the British, who were then in possession of that port—from thence he was carried to St. Pierre's, where he suffered the common fate. They learnt at St. Pierre's, that it was one article in the bargain between the Government and the Commanders of the expedition, previous to their coming out, that they should be entitled to the proceeds of all the vessels they could make prizes of, and to all the plunder of the islands they might reduce:—Of this there can be no doubt; as the fate of our vessels being foreordained, they were all sold at vende a fortnight before they were declared condemned by the court; the legal process, when it took place, was so simple, that the whole number (upwards of 40) were condemned in a few minutes. The judge, we understand, was allowed by Admiral Jervis 12d. for each vessel he condemned, over and above his ordinary fee and perquisites.

Every person who arrives from St. Pierre's, relates with horror the cruelty of the British, in forcing from their houses and connections upwards of 40 women of the first families in the place—They were torn away, without being permitted to take any clothes or other conveniences with them; Their friends followed them with bundles of cloathing, &c. which they were not allowed to receive; It was at the close of the day; they were hurried into boats, and have not since been heard of. A gentleman who had two beautiful daughters thus ravished from him, sent a boat to different parts of the island, and to other islands, in quest of them; but in vain; and he finally sat down with the heart-cutting persuasion, that they were devoted victims to British lust and cruelty. Such is the war which the British carry on, in the prostituted names of humanity and religion.

PORTRSMOUTH, June 10.

Arrived here yesterday, the schooner, Industry, Capt. Woodward, in 26 days from St. Thomas's. Beef when he left there, was selling at 7 dollars per barrel.

Capt. Woodward informs that there was a report in circulation at St. Thomas's that the Danes had declared War against France, and that three French privateers then at St. Thomas's were detained on account of the report.

Knoxville Gazette.

On the 30th ult. Lieut. Col. Kelly, with a party of the Knox county militia, went in pursuit of the Indians who murdered Castee's family, as mentioned in our last, and on the day following, about day-break; an advanced party of his command, forded the Tennessee, near Tellico, where they found the Indians, fired on them, killed one fellow and wounded another; one squaw was killed contrary to the wishes or intentions of the party; the Indians, betook themselves to the

almost inaccessible spurs of the mountain, but by the exertions of the men, who attended it in the face of a very heavy fire, they were routed, five warriors killed, and several squaws and children taken prisoners, who were set at liberty. Col. Kelly brought three horses, lately taken from the frontiers. He left undisturbed, their corn, horses, and other property, which he found in Tellico.

COURT of HYMEN.

MARRIED

On Sunday evening last, at Philadelphia, by the Rev. Dr. Magaw, Mr. THOMAS M'EUEN, of this city, to Miss HANNAH PARRY, of that place.

(The last Night but two)

MR. ASHTON'S NIGHT.

T H E A T R E.

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